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SUBJECT: ManTech Report

Enclosed are Parts I, II and III of a draft report *Ecosystem Approach to Salmonid Conservation, Part II*, May 1996, contracted by the National Marine Fisheries Service, Fish and Wildlife Service and EPA (agencies) with ManTech consultants. On top of the package is a letter from Curt Smitch (FWS), Anita Frankel (EPA and myself on September 7, 1994, that summarizes the agencies' intent with this contract. Parts I and III have had a small but esteemed (significant overlap with National Research Council panel) technical peer review. These parts are very technical and I recommend that policy people simply flip through them. I recommend that our biologists read them. Part II is highly relevant to our current HCP and state, regional conservation strategies. Thus, I recommend Part II for everyone's careful reading.

We have sent Part II to the same peer reviewers as parts I and III, most are in the academic community. I have also provided all three parts to the State of Oregon, with the clear understanding that they are assigning one of their scientists to do a technical peer review. Oregon also suggests a broader peer review that includes industry and environmental organizations. We intend to discuss this further next week. We are coordinating with NMFS Southwest Region staff to have a similar meeting with California and are also arranging personal meetings with the State of Washington and with the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission.

We also need to consider what, in addition to and following technical peer review, should we do to engage public policy discussions on this paper. Task 5 in the project summary was intended to accomplish this with a series of workshops. The State of Oregon likes this idea.



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From here, please provide your feedback and ideas to Steve Landino (360-753-6054) or myself (503-230-5434) by May 23, 1996. On or close to that day we should meet and strategize among ourselves and with FWS and EPA counterparts. Steve and I will arrange this conference call in the near future. Thanks much.

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